

Remarks

Claims 1-27 remaining pending in the present application. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claims 15-16 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant, however, has elected not to rewrite claims 15-16 in independent form as the base claim 13 is believed to be allowable.

Disqualifying Reference Under 35 USC 103(c)

Application 10/027,397 and US Patent 6,598,123 were, at the time the invention of Application 10/027,397 was made, owned by or subject to an obligation of assignment to Intel Corporation. Accordingly, the 35 U.S.C. 102(e) reference of US Patent Application 6,598,123 is disqualified as prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103.

Claim Rejection under 35 USC 103 (Liong/Anderson)

The Official Action rejected claims 1-14 and 17-27 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Liong et al. (US Patent 6,151,649) in view of Anderson et al. (US Patent 6,598,123). As indicated above, Anderson (US Patent 6,598,123) which appears to be a 102(e) reference is disqualified as prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the present rejection of claims 1-14 and 17-27 be withdrawn.


Conclusion

The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete response to the Official Action. Applicant submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is requested, and allowance of the now pending claims is earnestly solicited.

Should it be determined that an additional fee is due under 37 CFR §§1.16 or 1.17, or any excess fee has been received, please charge that fee or credit the amount of overcharge to deposit account # 02-2666. If the Examiner believes that there are any informalities which can be corrected by an Examiner's amendment, a telephone call to the undersigned at (503) 439-8778 is respectfully solicited.


Respectfully submitted,

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